

ASA WELLS.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 452.]

MARCH 23, 1860.

Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Asa Wells, report:

That they have examined the same, and find that the said Asa Wells was a volunteer in the late war with Great Britain; that a part of his service was performed in the transportation of troops to and from different points on Lake Champlain, preparatory to the battle of Plattsburg; on account of adverse winds, and for the purpose of facilitating the transportation, he was compelled to use an oar in propelling the boats; that the weather was cold and stormy, on account of which his hands became partially disabled; that the tendons of his hands are now so contracted that they are of but little use to him. B. P. Anson, Samuel Penn, and William Wells, who are certified to be credible men, make oath, to their knowledge, of the service of Asa Wells, and to his having injured his hands in the service as aforesaid.

Augustus Viele, the post surgeon at Watervliet arsenal, certifies to the present disabled condition of the applicant. The Hon. George W. Palmer, of this committee, also certifies to his disabled condition, and to the belief that the disabilities were contracted in the service.

The committee think the petitioner is entitled to relief at the rate of \$4 per month, to commence on the 2d April, 1858, being the day on which his petition came before the committee. The committee report a bill.

